

MSD in Carlow raises almost €6000 as part of Daffodil Day fundraising

Carlow, 21st April 2017: MSD in Carlow has raised a total of €5,960 for the Irish Cancer Society. The money was raised through a combination of activities that took place to mark Daffodil Day.

The Carlow facility, which is leading MSD's work within oncology, hosted a range of fundraising activities on-site. These included a 'bring and buy' bake sale and a raffle to win premium parking spaces on-site for a month, won by lucky employees Fergus Quinlan and Aishling McCarthy. Staff wore yellow to mark Daffodil Day, which also saw the creation of a pop-up 'garden of remembrance', where staff could dedicate a cardboard daffodil to people they know who are battling, or have battled, cancer.

Daffodil Day is the biggest and longest running fundraising day for the Irish Cancer Society, Ireland's national cancer charity. For thirty years, the Irish Cancer Society has been able to raise funds to support life-saving cancer research and help deliver essential services for patients.

Speaking after the event, Jean Albert Pittaluga, Site Lead at MSD in Carlow, said, *"Our ongoing work within the areas of oncology and cancer treatment means that days like Daffodil Day are very close to our hearts. We're proud to be able to make this donation to the Irish Cancer Society, which undertakes such valuable work both here in Carlow and nationally. The donation wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our employees whose support was nothing short of phenomenal."*

Operating in Ireland for more than 50 years, MSD is a global healthcare leader dedicated to making a difference in the lives of patients in Ireland and around the world. MSD in Carlow is a state-of-the-art 200,000 sq. ft. biologics operation and is MSD's first stand-alone human vaccine facility, producing life-saving medicines for patients across the world.

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